that "This Council recommends that capital punishment be abolished in the State."

Resolution put and negatived, Government voting against.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—I want a poll, Sir.

The House divided: Ayes 12, Noes 24.

Ayes.

1	Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.	7	Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.
2	,, A. Eachara Menon.	8	,, C. V. Kuriyan.
3	,, A. S. Harihara Ayyar.	9	,, K. T. Mathew.
4	,, E. Ikkanda Warriar.	10	,, T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.
5	,, T. K. Nayar.	11	,, M. K. Raman.
6	,, P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.	12	Dr. A. R. Menon.

Noes.

1	Mr. I. E. Ambooken.	13	Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.
2	,, A. L. Antony.	14	,, Ouseph P. Kundukulam.
3	,, K. J. Antony.	15	,, V. D. Ouseph.
4	,, P. C. Chanchan.	16	Rama Varmha Tampuran
5	,, T. K. Krishna Menon.	17	Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.
6	,, T. M. Krishna Menon.	18	,, I. Raman Menon.
7	,, K. Krishna Pisharodi.	19	,, K. Ramunni Menon.
8	,, A. K. Kunhi Moideen.	20	,, A. B. Salem.
9	Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.	21	,, A. Sankara Menon.
10	Mr. C. J. Mathew.	22	,, Thomas Manjuran.
11	,, K. Mohamed Seethi.	23	Dr. E. A. Veigas.
12	,, M. D. Narayana Ayyar.	24	Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.

5. Local Option Bill.

Deputy President.—Now we shall take up the next resolution.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Sir, since the Government Member in charge of the Department is new, the Government may move for adjourning the consideration of the next resolution.

Deputy President.—Under Standing Order No. 26 the resolution can be adjourned, but the motion to adjourn the same must come from the Government side.

Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.—I move that the discussion of resolution No. 5, *viz.*, This Council requests the Government to introduce in the Legislative Council a Local Option Bill," be adjourned.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I second it. But it must come as the first resolution for the next meeting. There is a Bill regarding this matter pending with the Government for introducing which I had asked permission of the Government some three years ago. I have received no reply as yet. I request that this matter may be disposed of soon.

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Deputy President.—If permission is given, then in that case there is no necessity for the resolution.

Mr. T. V. Ramalinga Ayyar.—It has been said that that also will be considered along with the Excise Committee's report.

Motion put and agreed to.

Hence the following resolution stood adjourned:—

"This Council requests the Government to introduce in the Legislative Council a Local Option Bill."

6. Qualification of the Police.

Deputy President.—The next is resolution No. 6 standing in the name of Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.

Mr. V. V. Anantapadmanabha Ayyar.—I do not move.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn:—

"This Council recommends to the Government to fix School Final Education as the minimum qualification of candidates for recruitment to the Police Force".

7. List of Resolutions, etc.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I do not move that resolution.

Hence the following resolution was considered withdrawn:—

"This Council requests the Government to supply non-official Members of the Council with a printed list containing the questions, resolutions, motions, Bills and amendments to Standing Orders disallowed prior to any meeting of the Council stating for what reasons and under what sections of the Council Regulation and Rules they have been disallowed."

8. Introduction of metres in Ernakulam & Mattancheri.

Deputy President.—Resolution No. 8 stands in the name of Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sir, the resolution runs thus:—

"This Council recommends to Government that meters for the water pipes leading into private houses in Ernakulam and Mattancheri towns be introduced at once."

The admirable speech, which the Chief Engineer, Mr. Aravindaksha Menon, delivered during the first Council in connection with the introduction of metre, is still ringing in my ears. No doubt I then opposed him. But I did so in the pious hope that his appeal would have had the effect of the introduction of metre. It was purely as a piece of charity that I agreed to the supply of water to the residents of Ernakulam, at the expense of the outsiders. But I now find a lavish waste of water, with no feeling of the burden which it causes on the outsiders without corresponding benefit to themselves. I know many instances

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